

Virtual Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**WIS 33 / Linn Street
W Mulberry St to East Village Limits
Village of West Baraboo
Sauk County**

Project ID: 5090-05-30/60

**WIS 33 / Eighth Avenue and Eighth Street
West City Limits to County T
City of Baraboo
Sauk County**

Project ID: 5090-05-01/71



PIM #1 Virtual Presentation

Purpose of the presentation

Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) in collaboration with the Village of West Baraboo and the City of Baraboo are planning improvements to WIS 33 from Mulberry Street in the Village of West Baraboo to County T (Taft Avenue) in the City of Baraboo. The need for the rehabilitation project is due to the deteriorated pavement condition, utilities and traffic operations. This project will rehabilitate the existing 4-lane undivided roadway by reconstructing it as a 2-lane roadway with a two-way left turn lane.

The purpose of this mailing and the virtual presentation is for WisDOT to present the proposed WIS 33 project improvements to the public. This presentation will allow the public to see the proposed improvement and will allow them to provide comments on the proposed improvements.

Comments received prior to September 3, 2020 will be included in the environmental document.

This presentation will be placed on the WisDOT website at the following location:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis33-west-baraboo/default.aspx>

Project information

This project proposes reconfiguring the existing four lane roadway with one lane in each direction with a two way left turn lane (TWLTL) in the center of the roadway. At key intersections, the two way left turn lane will be eliminated, and left or right turn lanes will be added to provide safe and efficient traffic operations. For the majority of the project, the roadway width to the back of the existing curb and the sidewalk will remain in the same location.

The 0.41 mile proposed improvements in the Village of West Baraboo include: replacing the existing concrete and asphalt pavements; replacing sidewalk and constructing ADA compliant curb ramps; installing street lighting; and replacing storm sewer facilities. Additionally, the Village will replace the city water and sanitary mains and laterals during the highway construction project.

The 2.06 mile proposed improvements in the City of Baraboo include: replacing the existing concrete and asphalt pavements; upgrading the traffic signals at Draper, Broadway and East Streets; upgrading the intersections and Draper and Broadway Streets; constructing ADA compliant curb ramps; installing street lighting; and replacing storm sewer facilities. Additionally, the City will replace the city water and sanitary mains and laterals during the highway construction project.

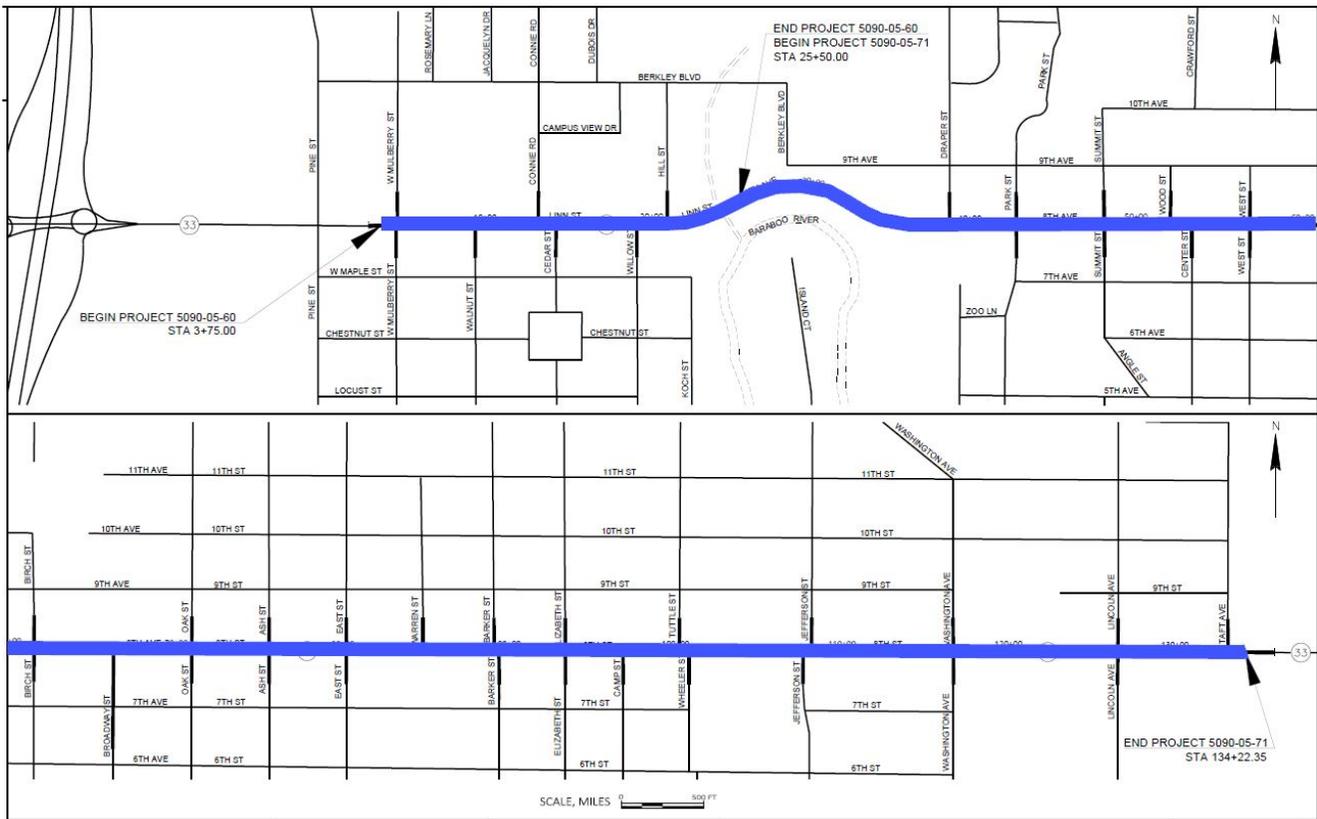
The conversion from the four lane roadway to a two lane roadway with a center two way left turn lane will increase the safety and operations of the highway. Removing the left turn lanes from the through lane traffic will decrease rear end collisions and increase through traffic efficiency.

Intersections with traffic signals will continue to have traffic signals. No new traffic signals are proposed. Installation of rapid flashing beacons and pedestrian refuge islands at strategic locations is being considered to increase safety for pedestrians crossing WIS 33.

Existing mailboxes located in the terrace between the curb and sidewalk along WIS 33, in the Village and City, will be either moved to the houses or gang boxes will be installed at common locations. Moving the mailboxes out of the terrace will help increase safety and improve traffic flow by reducing the need for the postal service to continually stop along WIS 33.

An environmental review will be completed this fall prior to this project moving into the final design phase. The environmental review process will identify properties that may qualify as eligible for historic preservation, identify hazardous substances or contaminants that may be in the project area, identify natural resource impacts, and review storm water runoff and its effect on the local waterways.

WIS 33 Project Location Map



Proposed traffic impacts

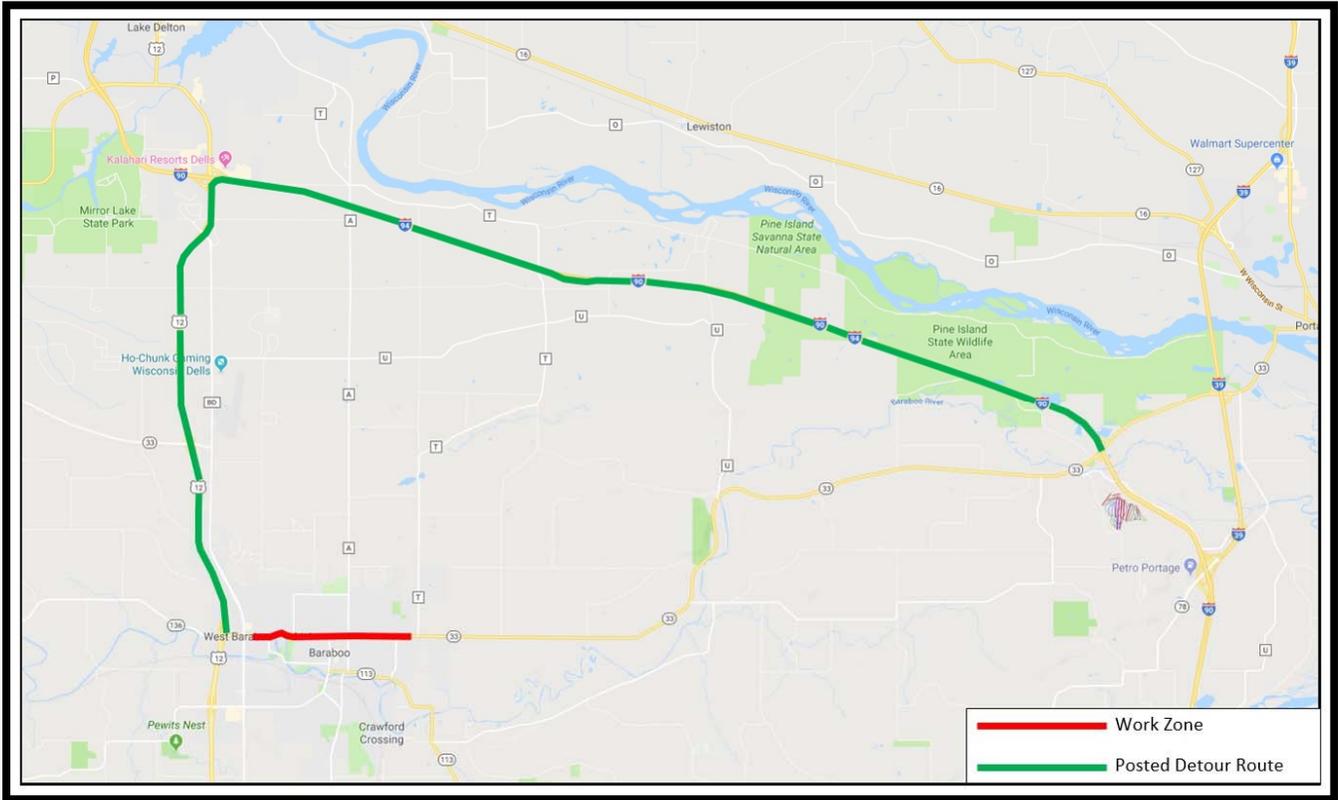
It is currently being proposed to close WIS 33 during construction within the project limits and detour WIS 33. Local and emergency access to businesses and residences will be maintained during construction. Temporary driveway closures will be necessary during parts of the construction process. WisDOT will contact homeowners and business in advance before closing a driveway.

Detouring this project will lead to more efficient and faster construction and a better overall product. The potential detour route includes detouring WIS 33 traffic along Interstate I 90/94 and US 12. Current travel time from WIS 33 at I90/94 to the west end of the project is approximately 17 minutes (13.9 miles). The potential detour route for WIS 33 traffic traveling between IH 90/94 and US 12 is approximately 20 minutes (21.1 miles), adding only 3 minutes of travel time.

A potential construction staging split at Broadway Street is being considered since this is the approximately halfway point along the corridor. One stage would include reconstructing everything west of Broadway and the other stage would include reconstructing everything east of Broadway. It is also being proposed to reconstruct the Broadway Street and County T (Taft Avenue) intersections first to allow better traffic flow for local destinations during the remaining construction of WIS 33.

Construction is currently scheduled for completion in 2024.

WIS 33 Project Detour Route



Real estate

Right of way acquisitions may be required at various locations along the project corridor. Temporary easements will be required at sidewalk and curb ramp replacements. Minor R/W acquisitions may be required for a few properties. WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in 2021.

Website Information

Information from this presentation and future public meetings/presentations will be placed on the WisDOT website at the following location: <https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis33-west-baraboo/default.aspx>.

WisDOT's **In This Together** webpage is designed for businesses facing road construction in their community. The region best practice is to establish a web page by the beginning of the calendar year in which construction is scheduled to begin. The goal is to provide a brief overview with basic information most commonly sought by the public, along with a WisDOT contact name for additional assistance. The link below should be shared with business along the project corridor:

<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/projects/in-together/swregion/default.aspx>

Project Schedule

Local Officials Meeting	Meetings with Village and City officials have been ongoing to discuss preliminary planned roadway and city utility improvements.
Public Involvement Virtual Presentation #1	July 2020
Environmental Document completed	September 2020
60% Preliminary Plans completed and accepted	January 2021
Public Involvement Meeting #2	February 2021
Real Estate Plat completed	March 2021
Real Estate Acquisitions completed	2022
Public Involvement Meeting #3	Winter of 2022
90% Final Plans completed	March 2023
Final Plans completed and accepted	May 2023
Project Construction	Currently scheduled for Spring 2024

Public input/comments

Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public as well as the needs of the local community. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

We encourage you to view and comment on the virtual presentation. **A comment form is available on the project website. Please mail any written comments about the project before September 3, 2020 to get them included in the environmental document.** You can also e-mail your comments to the contacts listed below.

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